THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The first agreement signed in 1986 between the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and Hindustan Lever Ltd. (HLL) provided for payment of handling charges to HFC at the rate of Rs. 579 per MT. This has since been revised to Rs. 778 per MT as per the current agreement.

(d) The agreement provides for a 40% rebate on the quantities handled in excess of 38000MT per annum so as to attract additional tonnage for handling with a view to optimising the utilisation of idle manpower and infrastructural facilities of Haldia fertilizer project of HFC and supplementing its income generation.

Change in the feedstock policy of fertilizers

4455. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a drastic change in the feedstock policy for fertilizers; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the effects of this change in policy; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure adequate supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS. (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) to (c) As the demand for natural gas from different sectors of the economy has out-stripped the supply, it is no longer possible to cover the incremental demand of the fertilizer sector through gas linkages. In view of the constraints in the availability of the natural gas, new capacities are increasingly being based on naphtha. The existing gas based plants as well as new projects have been encouraged to incorporate the facilities for use of alternative fueHeedstock so as to acquire greater flexibility of operation.

The use of naphtha as feedstock results in higher capital and operating costs. The indigenous availability of naphtha, which is quite adequate for the present requirements, can be supplmented by imports, if required.

Fixation of charges for secondary movement of fertilizers

4456. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA; Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) when the charges for secondary movement of fertilizers was fixed with the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to revise it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA) (a) A Statement giving State-wise charges for secondary movement of fertilizers and the dates from which they have been effective is attached- *{See* below).

(b) and (c) There is a proposal to revise these rates. The proposal also envisages a mechanism for revision of these rates on regular basis.

Statement

Freight rates for secondary movement of fertilisers

SI. No.	Name of the State	Secondary Freight rate in Rs. per MT	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Rs.21/-	
2.	Karnataka	Rs.iy-	
3.	Tamil Nadu	Rs.13/-	
4.	Kerala	RS12/-	
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Rs.45-	
6.	Punjab	Rs,19/-	
7.	Haryana	Rs.16/-	
8.	Maharashtra	Rs.8*	-effective from 1.11.85
9.	Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 41/-	
10.	Rajasthan	Rs.21/-	
11.	Gujarat	Rs.44/-	
12.	West Bengal	Rs.40-	
13.	Bihar	Rs.25-	
14.	Orissa	Rs.21/-	
15,	Meghalaya	Rs.67/-	
16.	Nagaland	Rs.57-	
17.	Himachal Pradesh	Rs.252/-	
18.	Jammu & Kashmir	Rs216'-	
19.	Assam	Rs.43-	
20.	Manipur	Rs.33-	effective from 25.8.92
21.	Mizoram	Rs.l70	
22.	Sikkim	Rs.301/-	
23.	Tripura	Rs.56/-	

Proposals for setting-up fertilizer projects during Ninth Plan

4457. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some fertilizer projects in the country during the Ninth Plan; and

(b) if so, the number of fertilizer plants proposed to be set-up in public/private/ joint sector and with foreign collaboration alongwith, the places identified for the location of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) and (b) The details of ongoing fertilizer projects to be commissioned during the ninth Five Year Plan period are given in the statement at Statement-I *(See* below).

As per the Industrial Policy Statement issued by the Government on 24.7.1991, no industrial licence is required for setting up a fertilizer plant. However, public sector/cooperative units under the administrative control of the Department of Fertilizers have to obtain the approval of the Government for incurring capital expenditure required for setting up a new fertilizer plant, if the investment is in excess of their delegated financial powers. A statement indicating the details of the investment proposals submitted by these units for approval of the Government is enclosed at Statement-II.